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SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 1975 CODEL

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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, ECON/COMM COUNSELOR AND COMMATT MET AUGUST 7 WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE PROTOCOL CHIEF RAKHMANIN AND ACTING CHIEF OF MINISTRY'S ADMINISTRATION FOR TRADE WITH COUNTRIES OF AMERICAS MEL'NIKOV TO INFORM SOVIETS OF PLANS FOR SUBJECT CODEL.

2. BOTH RAKHMANIN AND MEL'NIKOV REACTED POSITIVELY TO PROPOSED VISIT BUT BOTH, AS EXPECTED, SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO INFORM THEIR SUPERIORS BEFORE GIVING ANY DEFINITE RESPONSE REGARDING MINISTRY'S WILLINGNESS TO SPONSOR VISIT AND ASSIT WITH ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY WILL ALSO INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF PROPOSED VISIT. ALTHOUGH CHAMBER COULD POTENTIALLY SERVE AS HOST ON SOVIET SIDE FOR CODEL'S VISIT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE PREFEREABLE TO WORK THROUGH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, IN PART

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DUE TO FACT THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN CHAMBER WILL BE

VERY BUSY DUE TO REQUIREMENTS OF INTERORGTEKHNKA EXHIBITION.

3. BOTH MEL'NIKOV AND RAKHMANIN DISPLAYED EXPECTED CURIOSITY AS TO COMPOSITION OF CODEL AND TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT DEFINITE RESPONSE FROM MINISTRY REGARDING SPONSORSHIP OF VISIT WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL WE PROVIDE DELEGATION LIST. SCHEDULING FOR VISIT CAN BEGIN ONLY WHEN TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ARE AVAILABLE.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MEL'NIKOV AND RAKHMANIN, EMBOFFS NOTED DESIRABILITY OF ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, MINISTER PATOLICHEV. SOVIETS WERE RECEPTIVE TO THIS SUGGESTION BUT POINTED OUT THAT MUCH WOULD DEPEND UPON SCHEDULES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS INVOLVED. AS SOON AS COMPOSITION OF CODEL KNOWN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION OF SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SO THAT MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OUTSIDE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE CAN BE REQUESTED.

5. WE NOTE REQUIREMENT FOR 23 DOUBLE ROOMS PARA FIVE REFTEL. AS WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT CODEL WOULD TRAVEL BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT, DOES THIS ROOM REQUIREMENT INCLUDE ROOMS FOR AIRCRAFT CREW?

6. CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL'S VISIT WILL BE FSO THOMAS NILES.  
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